

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA

October 21, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Don Thompson, Ben Babin, Anthony “Tony” Rouchon, John Brass, David Hoover, William “Carey” Jenkins, Willie George Lee, Terry Louque, Jerry Thibeau, Kenneth Wade Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Russell Cornette, Larry Thomas

NOTE: Vacant Seat (Livingston Parish)

ALSO PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau,
ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Thompson.
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.
3. Minutes
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Hoover to approve the September 16, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report:
 - Rouchon presented to the Board the September 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Babin, second by Lee to approve the September 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
 - Annual Audit Report 2013-2014 – John McKowen: The audit reflected no violations of state rules or deficiencies. In the opinion of the auditor the ARBC is in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and the Legislative Auditors Office, as well as internal controls of financial matters within the district. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Babin to accept the audit report as presented. OPEB for FY 2013-14 is \$11,651.
5. Report by Executive Director
 - Amite River Weir and Diversion Channel: Rietschier is in discussions with George Hudson, with GEC, for a study to determine the configuration and weir height necessary to allow for a flow-split between the Amite River Diversion Channel and the old Amite River in accordance with the original design.
 - Discussed mitigation including Profit Island and Mitigation Banks.
 - Discussed construction of Hwy. 61 Bridge and Brooks Lake Closure.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel
 - Bankston informed the Board of the upcoming 11/6/14 Task Force Meeting.
 - Updated the Board on the status of the 3rd CEA amendments, and Profit Island.
7. Old Business:
 - Borrow and Fill Material Bid Document: Any sealed bids received for Borrow and Fill Material will be opened on November 17, 2014. It was noted that Borrow and Fill Material is unrestricted funds, not tax revenue.
 - Profit Island: ARBC met with Wildlife and Fisheries to take on the responsibility of maintaining the property for mitigation purposes. This would relieve City-Parish from that obligation.
8. New Business
 - ARBC/DOTD Third Amended CEA: On recommendation of the ARBC Executive Committee, the Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Hoover to approve the Third Amended CEA, as presented.
 - BKI Contract – 30 day notice to terminate: This matter was discussed and it was agreed that BKI should complete the work that is ongoing. It was also noted that the grand total amount paid to BKI since their contract began with ARBC also included payments made to their sub-contractors, GCR and Commerce Title. On motion by Babin second by Hoover, the Board unanimously agreed to table this issue until next month’s meeting.
9. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Rouchon to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/ Don Thompson
Don Thompson, ARBC President
Date: November 18, 2014

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau
Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary